GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE THROUGH SATELLITE
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to agreement signed between the Government and the basic telephone operators, no clause has been incorporated for providing telecommunications services through satellite channels in the event of natural calamities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Although the Licence Agreement for basic telephone service stipulates that licensee shall make its own arrangements for all infrastructures involved in providing the service yet the situations like natural calamities are covered under another specific provision also whereby the Licensor has a right to take over the service, equipment and networks of the licensed basic telephone service operator, either in part or in whole of the service area as per directions, if any, issued in the public interest by the Government in case of emergency or war or low intensity conflict or any other eventuality. Provided any specific orders or direction from the government issued under such conditions shall be applicable to the licensed basic telephone service operators and shall be strictly complied with.

(b) to (e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.